

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND
SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INOUE:

S. Res. 334. A resolution expressing appreciation to the people of Okinawa for hosting United States defense facilities, commending the Government of Japan for choosing Okinawa as the site for hosting the summit meeting of the G-8 countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED
BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REID:

S. 2842. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

THE LANDER COUNTY CEMETERY CONVEYANCE
ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Lander County Cemetery Conveyance Act.

The settlement of Kingston, Nevada was destination and home to pioneers that settled the isolated high desert valleys of the central Great Basin. The inhabitants of this community set aside a specific community cemetery to provide the final resting place for friends and family who passed away. The early settlers established and managed the cemetery in the late 1800's. The Kingston cemetery is on land now managed by the United States Forest Service (FS). The FS is selling approximately one acre to the Town of Kingston, but this conveyance does not allow for the long-term use and expansion beyond the undisturbed historic graves, the implementation of the community's original 10 acre site plan, nor the protection of the uncharted graves.

Mr. President, the site of this historic cemetery was established prior to the designation of the Forest Reserve surrounding the Town of Kingston. The surrounding Forest Reserve was established in 1908. Under current law, the agency must sell the encumbered land at fair market value to this community for continued use. My bill provides for the conveyance of the balance of the original, recognized cemetery location to Lander County, at no cost, contingent on the completed sale of the acre to the Town of Kingston. It is unconscionable to me that this landlocked, rural community is required to buy their ancestors back from the Federal government.

I sincerely hope that members of Congress recognize the benefit to the local community that the conveyance would provide and pass this legislation.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2842

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the historical use by settlers and travelers since the late 1800's of the cemetery known as "Kingston Cemetery" in Kingston, Nevada, predates incorporation of the land on which the cemetery is situated within the jurisdiction of the Forest Service;

(2) it is appropriate that that use be continued through local public ownership of the parcel rather than through the permitting process of the Federal agency; and

(3) to ensure that all areas that may have unmarked gravesites are included and to ensure the availability of adequate gravesite space in future years, a parcel of approximately 10 acres, the acreage included in the original permit issued by the Forest Service for the cemetery, should be conveyed for that purpose.

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE TO LANDER COUNTY, NEVADA.

(a) CONVEYANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service (referred to in this section as the "Secretary"), simultaneously with or as soon as practicable after the conveyance of the core parcel under subsection (b), shall convey, without consideration, subject to valid existing rights, to Lander County, Nevada (referred to in this section as the "county"), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the remaining parcel of the land described in subsection (c).

(b) CONVEYANCE OF CORE PARCEL.—The making of the conveyance under subsection (a) is contingent on the making of a conveyance, under Public Law 85-569 (commonly known as the "Townsite Act") (16 U.S.C. 478a), of 1.25 acres of the land described in subsection (c) in which gravesites have been identified.

(c) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of land referred to in subsection (a) is the parcel of National Forest System land (including any improvements on the land) known as "Kingston Cemetery," consisting of approximately 10 acres and more particularly described as SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4 of section 36, T. 16N., R. 43E., Mount Diablo Meridian.

(d) USE OF LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The county (including its successors) shall continue the use of the parcel conveyed under subsection (a) as a cemetery.

(2) REVERSION.—If the Secretary, after notice to the county and an opportunity for a hearing, makes a finding that the county has discontinued the use of the parcel conveyed under subsection (a) as a cemetery, title to the parcel shall revert to the Secretary.

(e) ACCESS.—At the time of the conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary shall grant the county an easement granting access for persons desiring to visit the cemetery and other cemetery purposes over Forest Development Road #20307B, notwithstanding any future closing of the road for other use.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 662

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 662, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have

breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program.

S. 682

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 682, a bill to implement the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercounty Adoption, and for other purposes.

S. 702

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 702, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit discrimination in the payment of wages on account of sex, race, or national origin, and for other purposes.

S. 1333

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1333, a bill to expand homeownership in the United States.

S. 1485

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1485, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to confer United States citizenship automatically and retroactively on certain foreign-born children adopted by citizens of the United States.

S. 1810

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. ASHCROFT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1810, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify and improve veterans' claims and appellate procedures.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1900, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to holders of qualified bonds issued by Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 1935

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1935, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of community attendant services and supports under the Medicaid program.

S. 2061

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 2061, a bill to establish a crime prevention and computer education initiative.

S. 2287

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2287, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make